

REMARKS

The Office Action has been carefully reviewed. Claims 1-20 presently appear in this application and define patentable subject matter warranting their allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are hereby respectfully solicited.

The specification has been objected to because the address of ATCC has changed. Appropriate correction is made to the specification at page 13, thereby obviating this objection.

The examiner indicates that claims 5-12 are withdrawn from further consideration as being drawn to a nonelected species because there is no allowable generic or linking claim. However, applicants believe that in view of the amendment to claim 1 and the filing of a terminal disclaimer, the elected species and generic claim 1 are indeed allowable. Accordingly, applicants are entitled to consideration of additional nonelected species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim, and applicants respectfully request such consideration of additional nonelected species.

In addition, upon a product claim being found allowable, withdrawn process claims (Group II, claims 15-20) the depend from, or in this case, otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claim (claim 1 and nonelected species claims 6-12) will be rejoined in accordance with the provisions of MPEP 821.04. Applicants therefore also respectfully request rejoinder of the withdrawn process claims.

Claims 1-4, 13 and 14 have been rejected under 34 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Although applicants disagree that the terms "natural", "corresponding" and "long half life" are indefinite, this rejection is made moot by the amendment to claim 1 to delete the recitation of "natural", "corresponding" and "long half life".

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 13 and 14 have been rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 14 and 15 of US Patent 6,193,972. This rejection is obviated by the terminal disclaimer attached hereto.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are therefore respectfully requested.

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In view of the above, the claims comply with 35
U.S.C. §112 and define patentable subject matter warranting
their allowance. Favorable consideration and early allowance
are earnestly urged.

Respectfully submitted,

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